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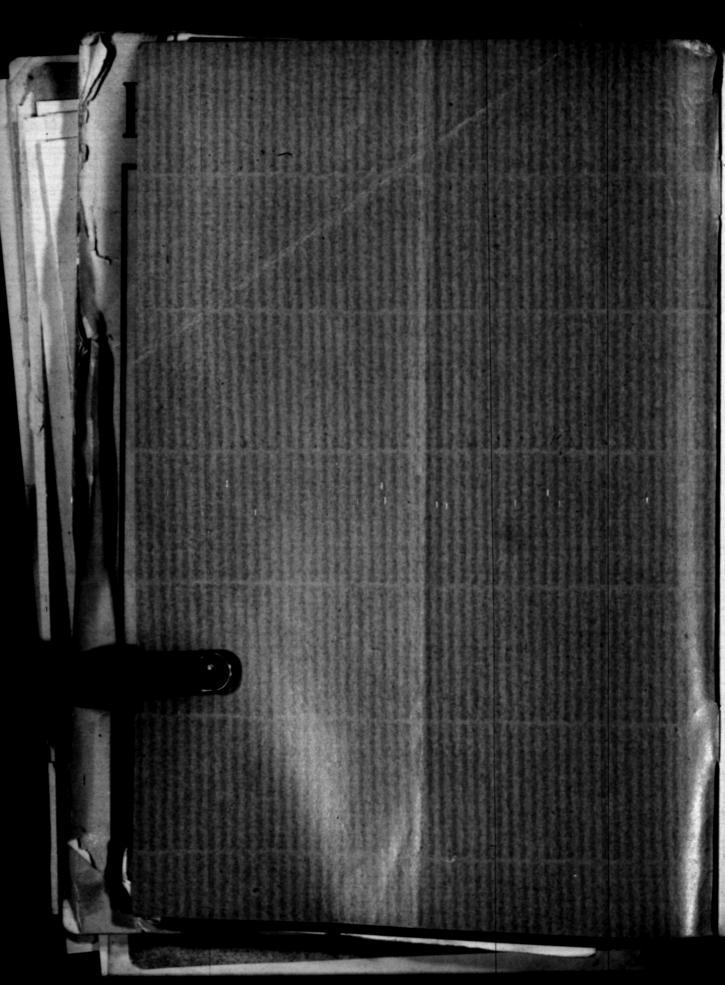
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#### MINUTES

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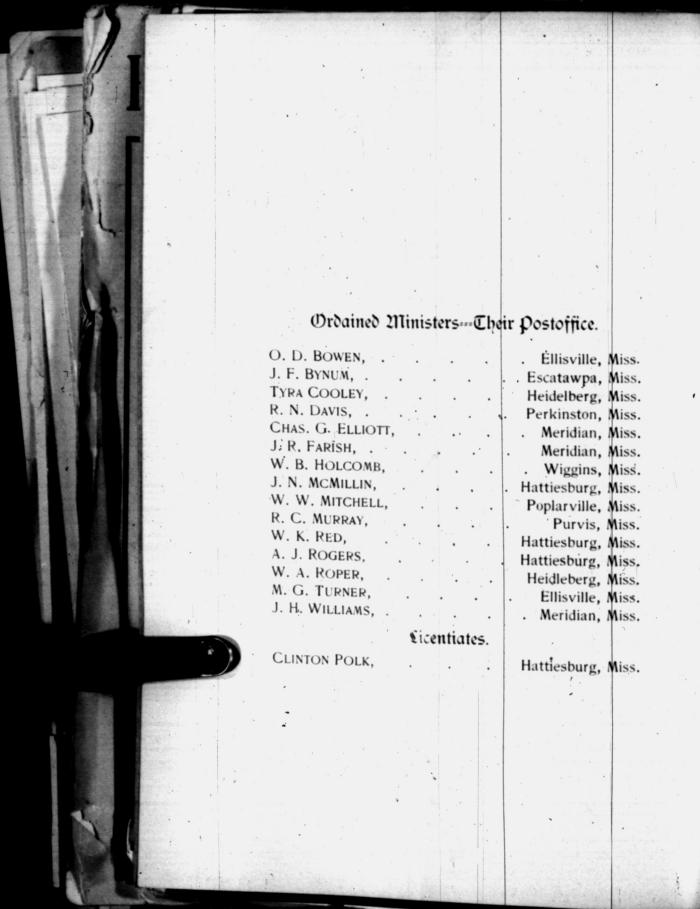
# Lebanon: Baptist Association,

Lumberton, Miss., AUGUST 28 AND 29, 1901.

#### OFFICERS.

The next meeting of the Association will be held with the Laurel Church, beginning Wednesday before the first Sunday in September, 1902.

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#### PROCEEDINGS.

#### First Day-Morning Session.

The Lumberton Baptist Church having asked that the Lebanon Association hold its eighth session with them, the body met at 10 o'clock on Wednesday, August 28th.

Bro. Bowen, the former Moderator, called it to order, and Bro. W. P. Price, of Jackson, was asked to conduct the devotional exercises. Rom. 8:26-39 was used, and prayer offered by Brothren Finley, McMillin and Searcy. At the close of these exercises, the Moderator appointed Brethren W. L. Pack and J. T. Dale a Reading Committee and Brethren A. Polk, J. E. Graham, and H. L. Moore Committee on Finance.

Upon the call of the roll of churches, the representation was as follows, being both delegates and messengers:

AUGUSTA-J. T. Pearce.

BIG LEVEL—I. H. Miles, R. Q. Breland, Miss Queenie Breland.

BROOKLYN-Letter.

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CORINTH--Ira Morgan.

EASTABUCHIE—Letter.

ELLISVILLE—O. D. Bowen, J. F. Parker, Jesse M. Bush.

FAIRFIELD-Not represented.

HATTIESBURG—A. Polk, J. N. McMillin, J. E. Graham, W. L. Pack, W. K. Red, A. J. Rogers, J. E. Davis, Mrs. Bessie L. Stapleton, Mrs. Abner Polk.

HEIDELBERG-Letter.

IMMANUEL—Chas. G. Elliott.

INDIAN SPRINGS-A. C. Gay, C. R. Shores.

LACEY-Not represented.

LAUREL-J. M. Lindsey, H. H. Stephens.

LUMBERTON—W. A. Landrum, G. M. Cobb, Alex Ladner, Miss Mary Hall, Mrs. G. H. Suttle, Miss Helen Hinton.

MCLAURIN—Not represented.

NICHOLSON—Not represented.

PERKINSTON—R. N. Davis, Elliott Garner, O. F. Daniel.

PHALTAI-M. F. Berry.

POPLARVILLE—A. J. Maxey, J. H. Caver, H. G. Stewart, R. E. Wilkinson, W. B. Holcomb.

PURVIS-J. H. Murray.

SANDERSVILLE—George Keeton.

SHADY GROVE—W. A. Roper, R. N. Satcher, N. B. Thatch.

SLIDELL-H. L. Moore.

VERNON-Letter.

WIGGINS-E. R. Davis, D. A. Scarborough, Mrs. E. W. Bond.

Permanent organization was effected by the election of O. D. Bowen, Moderator, and Chas. G. Elliott, Clerk and Treasurer. Upon inquiry it was found that petitionary letters were present from three churches, each of which was received and delegates and messengers seated as follows:

ZION HILL-W. J. Pack, W. L. Carter.

BOND-Martin Bond, Eugene Shewmate.

MCHENRY — J. D. Sammons, J. M. Holcomb, Mrs. E. R. McCarty, Miss Tempie Arrington.

The question as to hours of meeting and adjournment was referred to the pastor and members of the Lumberton Church, with Bro. W. B. Holcomb, the former pastor,

and it was agreed to meet at 8 A. M., adjourn at 11:45 A. M.; meet at 2 P. M., adjourn at 5:30 P. M.; meet at 7:30 P. M., adjourn at pleasure.

Visiting brethren were welcomed and invited to seats with us, viz:

J. B. Searcy, Gulfport Association.

W. P. Price, The Baptist.

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J. M. Sharp, Mississippi College.

B. S. Gay, Choctaw Association.

J. G. Sibley, Hobolochitto Association.

The Moderator was authorized to appoint all necessary committees. Adjourned with benediction by Bro. Roper.

#### First Day-Afternoon Session.

The afternoon session opened at 2 o'clock with devotional services—prayer by Bro. W. K. Red.

The following committees were announced:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—W. J. Pack, J. E. Graham, O. F. Daniel, R. Q. Breland.

WOMAN'S WORK—W. L. Pack, H. L. Moore, G. M. Cobb, Eugene Shewmate.

SUSTENTATION—J. F. Parker, J. H. Caver, D. A. Scarborough, J. E. Davís.

NOMINATIONS—A. J. Rogers, Jesse M. Bush, J. H. Murray, George Keeton.

PUBLICATIONS—W. K. Red, J. T. Pearce, C. R. Shores, Ira Morgan.

TEMPERANCE—J. M. Lindsey, A. Polk, H. G. Stewart, E. R. Davis.

MISSIONS—W. A. Roper, R. N. Davis, J. M. Holcomb. EDUCATION—J. N. McMillin, Martin Bond, Elliott Garner.

ORPHAN'S HOME—A. J. Maxey, W. A. Landrum, J. D. Sammons.

#### MINUTES OF LEBANON

STATE OF CHURCHES—R. E. Wilkinson, I. H. Miles, Alex Ladner, M. F. Berry.

The Treasurer read his report, which was adopted as appears below:

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Upon a special motion by Bro. W. B. Holcomb, a committee was appointed upon the work of the Young People's

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omle's Upon a motion made by Bro. Roper, the names of all ladies representing the Ladies's Societies in the various churches were ordered enrolled as messengers from their churches.

Ten o'clock of the second day was set for the report on missions, and 9 o'clock for the one on publications.

Bro. Searcy was invited to address the Association and told of his church building at Biloxi.

Bro, W. B. Holcomb spoke of the work at McHenry and asked for help towards completing their house of worship, and \$26.55 was contributed and turned over to Mrs. McCarty, who had come to make this request.

At the request of the Chairman, Bro. McMillin read the report on Woman's Work, which was discussed by Brethren Searcy, Bowen, Price, Holcomb, McMillin, Elliott, W. L. Pack, and amended and adopted.

#### Woman's Work.

The Apostle Paul takes special pains to commend the women who labored with him in the Gospel. It is said in the Gospel that certain women ministered to Christ of their substance. The hand and heart of a converted woman are mighty forces under God for the accomplishment of His purposes.

The women of our State are doing a noble work. They are in many churches an educational force along mission lines, besides the large amounts of money put directly into the work. We feel sure that our women have a yet greater work to do, when more of them shall be organized for active work and co-operation.

We quote from the report on Woman's Work read at our last State Convention. "The crying need of this work is the combining and eliciting of the forces in the churches. Therefore the committee recommend the following:

- 1. "That the incense of gratitude arise from our hearts to God's throne for what has already been done by the few consecrated active women, and that we fervently pray for a revival of interest among our women in this work.
  - 2. "That the Pastors acquaint themselves thoroughly with the

work so as to instruct their churches in this noble work of God and organize societies."

We close our report by saying that in this association at the beginning of this year there were three Societies. During the year the Associational President, Sister Bessie L. Stapleton, has organized ten, and Bro. W. B. Holcomb, three, making sixteen in our Association. Most of their work this year has been in helping to build new churches. We earnestly commend them in their work.

W. L. PACK.

G. M. COBB, M. E. SHEWMAKE, H. L. MOORE.

Minutes of the Woman's Missionary Societies, in Session at Lumberton, August 28th and 29th, 1901.

The Woman's Missionary Societies of the Lebanon Baptist Association met at Lumberton, Miss., August 28th, 1901, in the M. E. Church. After devotional exercises the following programme was carried out:

Address of Welcome by Miss Helen Hinton. Reports of societies called for. Response showing a representation of sixteen societies in this Association.

Discussion on Canton Mission Home was followed by collection and pledges for same

Frontier Box Work was discussed, and it was agreed on motion to send a box from this Association during the coming quarter.

As a second session the foregoing subjects were more definitely discussed and made very interesting.

A most interesting and very encouraging letter from our corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. R. Woods was read. A paper on Home Missions was read by Miss Osburn—and on motion it was requested that it be published in The Baptist.

After an interesting session the body adjourned.

MRS. STAPLETON, Vice-President.

TEMPIE ARRINGTON, Secretary

Bro. Rogers read the report on nominations which was adopted and then we adjourhed with a benediction by Bro. B. S. Gay.

#### Report on Nominations.

Your committee on nominations recommend that our next Association be held with the Laurel Baptist Church, on Wednesday before the first Sunday in September, 1902, at 10 o'clock A. M. That Brother J. T. Dale preach the Associational Sermon, and that Brother W. A. Roper be his alternate. We nominate Brother W. B. Holcomb as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention and Brother W. K. Red alternate. As delegates to the State Convention, R. N. Davis, J. E. Graham and O. D. Bowen.

We nominate as Executive Committee W. M. Conner, O. J. Bowen, Daniel A. Scarborough, F. F. Phillips and W. L. Pack. Respectfully submitted.

A. J. ROGERS,

JESSE M. BUSH, G. C. H. KEETON, J. N. MURRAY,

Committee.

#### First Day-Evening Session.

The evening session was given up entirely to the Associational Sermon and preparatory worship, which was conducted by Brother W. B. Holcomb. Brother McMillin preached the sermon from Mt. 28:19, 20. Subject: "Saving the Lost." Benediction by the Moderator—Brother Bowen.

#### Second Day-Morning Session.

Promptly at 8 o'clock the Association was opened with Brother Red conducting the devotional exercises. The minutes of the first day were read and approved.

The Committee on Sustentation made its report through the chairman, Brother Parker. After discussion by Brethren Rogers and Sibley it was adopted.

#### Report on Sustentation.

Caring for old and helpless ministers of the Gospel of Christ who have faithfully labored for the cause of God and humanity is an important duty; and worthy the most serious thought and liberal aid of us all.

If, while in vigor and health, through worthy labors, they are "worthy of double honor" and support, surely we should continue to love, honor and help them in their old age and helpless condition.

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These ministers have done a noble work, the noblest assigned to man here on earth. They have given their lives freely in the upbuilding of the cause of Christ, and now in their declining years, they need more than ever before, our encouragement, sympathy and support.

Our churches are too lethergic and careless along this line. It is shown in our statistics from the Church Reports to this Association that out of twenty-four churches only a bout five contributed to this noble cause. We most earnestly urge the brethren to contribute more liberally in the future to these helpless, though faithful servants of the master. We recommend that the pastors of the respective churches urge upon them the importance of giving to this most worthy cause.

J. H. PARKER,

D. A. SCARBOROUGH,

J. H. CARVER,

J. E. DAVIS.

The hour for the special order having arrived, Brother Red presented the report on publications, which was adopted after discussion by Brethren Red, Rogers and Price.

#### Report on Publications.

This is an age of literature. The advocates of every form of heresy are taking the advantage of this printed page into every home possible. Baptists should press to the front in publishing and circulating sound religious literature.

Among the agencies at our command to do this work are the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn., The Baptist Book Concern, Louisville, Ky., and The American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, Pa. The Home Field, The Foreign Mission Journal and Orphanage Gem should be in our homes to inform us on the special branches of our work. But we especially recommend that we take and read our own State paper—The Baptist. We also urge the churches to observe the second Sunday in December, or some other convenient day, as "The Baptist" day, when a special effort to increase its circulation, shall be made.

W. K. RED, C. R. SHORES, IRA MORGAN, J. T. PEARCE.

At 10 o'clock the Mission Report was presented by

Brother Roper, and vigorously discussed (Brethren Roper, Red, B. S. Gay, Rogers, Holcomb, Elliott, Price and Mc-Millin taking part) and adopted.

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#### Report on Missions.

Missions is one. When God himself gave the commission, "Go ye into all the world and make disciples of all the nations," he made no limitations as to places or peoples. For convenience we speak of State, Home and Foreign Missions. Our State Board last year raised and expended about \$10,500.00, aiding more than ninety weak places in twenty-six Associations, thus putting the Gospel in the reach of thousands of people and effecting the salvation of hundreds.

The Home Board collected and expended last year \$91,075.11, helping 2,660 churches and stations in which 6,671 baptisms were reported and 7,229 were received by letter, making 13,800 additions to our churches through the work of this board. We thank God for this, but there are yet more than-12,000,000 responsible souls unsaved in our southland. It is the purpose of our Home Board to assist our State Boards in reaching all these with the Message of Salvation.

Great blessings attended the work of our Foreign Mission Board last year—blessings to the heathen, blessings to the churches, and blessings to the individual givers. Greater blessings still await our churches when we follow closer our marching orders.

There was contributed last year to this work \$156,083.33 and on the fields occupied by Southern Baptists there were 1,000 baptisms reported.

The nations of all the earth have thrown open their doors to Missionaries, and have raised the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us."

Last year Mississippi gave to State Missions \$10,500.00, to Home Missions \$4,090.08, to Foreign Missions \$9,030.15, making a total of \$24,638.23, or a little less than 25 cents per member. This year we are asked to raise for State Missions \$13,500.00, for Home Missions \$7,000.00, for Foreign Missions \$11,000.00, making a total of \$31,500.00, or less than 32 cents per member. Now the cost of mission work is far less in proportion than any other business enterprise, averaging only 30 cents on the dollar.

Shall we do the work asked of us? God help us to be faithful to Him who loves us, and has given himself for us.

W. A. ROPER, J. M. HOLCOMB, R. N. DAVIS, The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be instructed to correspond with the Secretary of our State Mission Board with a view of putting a man on the Gulf and Ship Island Railroad between Columbia and Maxie.

Adjourned with prayer by Brother McMillin.

#### Second Day-Afternoon Session.

The Association met promptly at 2 o'clock, prayer by Brother Price.

Upon a motion offered by Brother Roper, Brother Mc-Millin was, unanimously asked to furnish a copy of the Associational Sermon to The Baptist for publication

Bro. W. J. Pack read the

#### Report on Sunday Schools.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools report that the letters of the churches show that eighteen churches out of twenty-five report Sunday Schools, which is a gain of four schools over the report for last year. Of the three churches that united with us this session, one reports a Sunday School. Some churches report twice as many members as they report Sunday School scholars. Other churches report twice as many scholars as members of the church.

While we feel glad of the increase in the number of Sunday Schools in our Association, we regret that there are churches that have none. It seems to us that any church can have a Sunday School if it will. We hope the time is not far distant when every church in our Association will report having a Sunday School.

Submitted.

W. J. PACK,

O. F. DANIEL,

R. Q. BRELAND, J. E. GRAHAM.

Discussed by Brethren W. J. Pack, Holcomb, Scarborough, Graham, Bowen, Rogers, Red and Price and adopted.

The report on Young People's Work was submitted by Brother W. B. Holcomb, and spoken to by Brethren W. B. and Luther Holcomb, Graham and Price, and adopted.

#### Young People's Work.

The purpose of the Young People's movement is the development of Baptist Young people in Christian work.

That our young people (and old people too, for that matter) need development is universally conceded. That this development is being done very satisfactorily by many churches, through the Baptist Young People's Union is very evident from the report that comes from those who have tried it.

The desire is to get all our people to read and study their Bibles regularly, systematically, that we may know God's will and do it here in the world.

The endeavor is also made to have our people make a diligent study of missions, acquainting themselves with the fields, the workers, and their obligation in the work.

The relation that a Young People's Society sustains to the church is precisely the same as that of the Sunday School and Woman's Missionary Society.

Of course, the Baptist Young People's Union will not run by itself, any more than will the Sunday School or Prayer Meeting. A lazy man need not try to run a Young People's Union; it calls for too much hard work, and he will fail.

We recommend: First, That all our churches, where practicable, organize their young people into Unions, and pursue the Bible studies therein this winter.

Second, That all the churches send delegates to the Baptist Young People's Convention, which convenes at Wesson next November and get in touch with the work and the workers.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. HOLCOMB, N. B. THATCH,

R. N. SATCHER, The report on Education was set for the evening session, becoming the first order of business.

The report on Orphans Home was read by Brother Maxey, and spoken to by Brethren Maxey, Bowen, Red and McMillin and adopted.

#### Orphans Home.

In the year 1893 that consecrated man of God, Brother L. S. Foster was duly impressed with the importance of providing for the orphaned, destitute children in our State being guided and directed by the power of the Spirit. Brother Foster continued to pray and

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by B, to press the matter until May 1897, when the orphanage was opened in the city of Jackson in a rented house. In a short time one cottage of six rooms was erected on the orphanage grounds. This was immediately filled with dependent children. Soon another cottage was completed, and was filled as readily as the first. At the State Convention sufficient money was raised to sink a well, which affords an abundance of pure wafer.

Through Brother Foster, with nothing but faith in the promises of God and the Baptists of the State. this institution has advanced steadily until at this time it has property amounting to \$18,000, and the cause indelibly impressed in the hearts of the Baptist people. There are to-day 48 children in the institution, with 30 more asking for admission, but owing to the want of room they were denied admittance. However, Brother A. E. Jennings and others, being impressed with the idea of erecting a \$10,000 brick building,\$5,000 was raised for this purpose, and is now being put into the building.

Your committee most prayerfully ask that each pastor of this Association present this matter to his church for a building fund to be used in the interest of the orphanage.

A. J. MAXEY.

W. A. LANDRUM, J. D. SAMMONS.

Brother Wilkinson then submitted the

Report on the State of the Churches.

Your Committe on State of Churches-reports as follows:

The spiritual condition of the churches of this Association, as gleaned from the various letters received is somewhat encouraging, both from the reports of increase in membership and the evidences of spiritual development.

It is also very gratifying to note the advancement that so many of our churches have made and are making in the way of repairing and constructing more comfortable and elaborate houses of worship—and this too without any seeming neglect of other expenses incident to prosperous development.

We note also that the few churches who reported on the number of members in active co-operation, was very small as compared with the entire membership—and we believe this to be the great work of the century, namely, to get the dormant church membership into a lively working condition, and to be awakened to the great need of their services in the Master's Vineyard.

We also believe that the most perfect development of the church spiritually, depends upon systematic service, and the most perfect development materially, upon systematic giving, and we therefore recommend that all pastors, and laymen as well, lend every effort toward educating the membership to that end.

Respectfully submitted, .

R. E. WILKINSON,

M. F. BERRY

ALEXANDER LADNER.

After discussion by Brethren Wilkinson and Bowen the report was adopted.

The report on Temperance was next brought up by Brother Lindsey, who discussed the merits of the case, together with Brethren Rogers and McMillin, and it was then adopted.

Report on Temperance.

Brethren, we your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following report:

In the ordinary acceptation of the term temperance it conveys the idea of a moderate use of those things that are helpful in this life. But when used relative to the use of intoxicants means absolute abstinence.

The people of God should be careful to use every precaution to prevent the use of anything that is hurtful in its influence on society and damning in its effect upon those who are addicted to its use. We can do this only by meeting the responsibility of duty to God and his cause.

It is indeed a sad thought to see such a monster evil stalking abroad in the light of the twentieth century because of the flagrant disregard of obligation on the part of the professed people of God.

Brethren, we recommend that every member of this Association give his active support to the suppression of the sale of all intoxicants, and that we enter the fight against King Alcohol, giving our prayers, influence and earnest opposition until it shall have no resting place in the borders of our fair land.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. LINDSEY, A. POLK, E. R. DAVIS,

H. G. STEWART.

The Finance Committee reported \$145.75 sent up for various objects, which amount was turned over to the Treasurer.

Adjourned-benediction by Brother Rogers.

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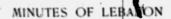
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#### Second Day Evening Session.

The devotional Exercises of this session were conducted by our Moderator, and consisted of a song and prayer service lasting half an hour.

At 8 o'clock the report on Education was called for, and read by Brother McMillin, after which the subject was discussed by Brethren Roper, McMillin and Elliott, and then adopted:

#### Report on Education.

The cause of Education should receive increasing attention at the hands of our people. The public schools should be regularly patronized by all the people, for upon the general intelligence of the masses will depend largely the well-being of our homes, our State, and our churches.

But our public and State institutions can never do the work nor take the place of denominational schools. The State schools for higher education, "cannot in an official way, discuss and utilize the field of religion, or teach the essential principles of Christianity. An atheist, an infidel, or a Christian has the same legal right to a place in their faculties. A limitation at this point is fundamental and vital."

"The religious, or to our minds, the Christian element in education is the all-important, vitalizing, and momentous factor of education, and without this Christian element education is blind and meaningless. In a democracy an educational institution controlled and supported by the State cannot interpret or utilize this factor of education. It must follow, therefore, that higher education, if it is to be Christian in its nature and aim, must be directed and supported by the churches, or by private corporations influenced by Christian motives. Education, in its true and complete sense, is thus one of the most important functions of the churches." Therefore we recommend that our people make the most of the public schools for primary education, and theremake every possible effort and sacrifice to send their boys and girls to our own Baptist Colleges, Mississippi College for boys and young men, and Blue Mountain and Hillm an Colleges for girls and young women.

We put ourselves on record as thorough believers in Ministerial Education, and we desire that all of our young preachers make severy effort to take the regular course of studies at Mississippi College, and our Seminary at Louisville, Ky. We also recommend that the churches continue to increase their contributions to this work.

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J. N. MCMILLIN, MARTIN BOND, ELLIOTT GARNER.

Brother Roper offered the following resolutions which were adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to the church and people of Lumberton for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained us.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Association be instructed to have the minutes of this meeting printed and distributed as usual and that he be allowed \$25 for his services.

Brother Holcomb offered the resolutions below which were adopted:

Resolved, That the report of woman's work be inserted in our minutes.

Resolved, That Mrs. Bessie Stapleton be re-appointed as Vice-President of woman's work in our Association.

Adjourned with prayer by Brother Price, to meet with Laurel church on Wednesday before the first Sunday in September, 1902.

## Constitution.

ARTICLE 1. The name of this Association shall be the LEB-ANON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ART. 2. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, and a Clerk who shall also be exofficio Treasurer. They shall be elected annually by ballot and hold their offices until their successors are elected.

ART, 3. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of the Redeemer's kindgom by the concentration of Christian labor, inculcation of Bible truth, and the cultivation of friendly intercourse among the churches.

ART., 4. Members of the Association may be of two classes, viz: Male delegates, and messengers who shall produce evidence of their appointment by the churches which they propose to represent, before being entitled to seats. Only the delegates shall have the right to vote.

ART. 5. Each church belonging to the Association shall be entitled to two delegates until its membership shall exceed fifty, and one additional delegate for each additional fifty or fractional part thereof; provided, that ministers who are members of such churches, but supply other pulpits, may be appointed as additional delegates to the regular quota.

ART. 6. This Association shall only have the power of an advisory council and shall in no wise infringe upon the rights or independence of the churches.

ART. 7. No queries shall be considered by the Association unless regularly sent up through the churches, and such queries shall embrace only questions of doctrine.

ART. 8. The Association shall meet annually as may be agreed upon, and after enrolling the names of the delegates, proceed by ballot to the election of a Moderator, and a Clerk who shall be exofficio Treasurer of the Association.

ART. 9. The duties of the various officers of the Association

shall be similar to those of all deliberative bodies, and Mell's Parliamentary Manual shall be the basis of all decisions of order.

ART. to. Churches holding the Articles of Faith adopted by this body, may become members of this Association by a unanimous vote, and letters of dismission may be obtained without assigning a reason therefor, by the concurrence of a majority present, while the Association retains the right of withdrawing from such churches as it shall deem heterodox or disorderly.

ART. 11. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a three-fourths vote of the delegates present.

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#### ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost—equal in power and Glory.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old Testament and the New were written by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, of total depravity, and man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4. We believe that God chose his people, in Christ, before the foundation of the world, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth; and as he has commanded it to be preached to every creature, all are required to obey.

7. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and the only evidence of justification; and that all believers will abound therein from a principle or love.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the just and the unjust, and the general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that a visible church of Christ is composed of baptized believers only, who have covenanted to keep up a discipline agreeable to the rules of the New Testament Scriptures.

to. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only lawgiver of his church, and that the government is with the church, each member having equal rights therein.

11. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the only ordinances of the church, and are to be continued until the second

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